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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SON SANN TO LEAVE CAMBODIA AGAIN

1. SON SANN CALLED ON ENDERS AUGUST 23

(A) TO REITERATE HIS ARGUMENTS FOR REMOVING LON NOL AND FOR PERMITTING HIM TO LAUNCH HIS "MOVEMENT FOR PEACE", AND

(B) TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HE WAS MAKING NO HEADWAY IN HIS POLITICAL EFFORTS AND HAD DECIDED TO RETURN TO PARIS AUGUST 29.

2. SON SANN SAID THAT HE QUESTIONED MAJGEN SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ ON WHETHER FANK MORALE WOULD SUFFER IF THE MARSHAL TO LEAVE. AFTER "RESPECTING ALL THE FORMS AND USAGES" SON SANN SAID THAT SOSTHENE HAD REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. SON SANN ASKED US WHETHER HE SHOULD NOW PRESENT TO LON NOL A PETITION IN HIS OWN NAME AND PERHAPS THAT OF OTHERS URGING THE MARSHAL TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.
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WE SAID NO, AND AFTER SOME ARGUMENTATION SON SANN AGREED

THAT THE MOMENT WAS NOT RIGHT.

3. AS BEFORE, WE TOLD SON SANN THAT HIS THREE-FORCE MODEL OF CAMBODIAN POLITICS (THE GKR, THE INSURGENTS, AND HIS "MOVEMENT FOR PEACE" IN BETWEEN) IS NOT ONE THAT WE COULD NOW SUPPORT. WE ARGUED THAT HIS THIRD FORCE IN BETWEEN WOULD DRAW MUCH LESS STRENGTH AWAY FROM THE COMMUNICSTS THAN HE HOPED, SINCE IT COULD NOT OPERATE IN INSURGENT HELD TERRITORY. ON THE OTHER HAND, ANY SUCCESS THE MOVEMENT DID HAVE WOULD IPSO FACTO TEND TO UNDERMINE THE GKR. WE DO NOT SEE HOW THIS COULD BE IN THE INTERFST OF THE REPUBLIC. ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOULD HIS MOVEMENT BE COORDINATED AND ASSOCIATED WITH THE GKR, THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER STORY.

4. SON SANN SAID THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO "COMPROMISE" HIMSELF NOW. BUT IF HIS PRESENCE IN THE GKR WERE NECESSARY "IN THE LAST PERIOD BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS", AND "ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL" IN KEEPING CAMBODIA FROM BECOMING COMMUNIST, THEN HE MIGHT AGREE TO SERVE IN THE GKR.

5. WE BOTH AGREED THAT HIS MOMENT HAD NOT COME. SON SANN SAID HE WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH AMEMBASSY PARIS (PRATT) AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO COME BACK AT ANY TIME THAT WE CALLED HIM. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, HE MIGHT BE BACK IN MID-OCTOBER.
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